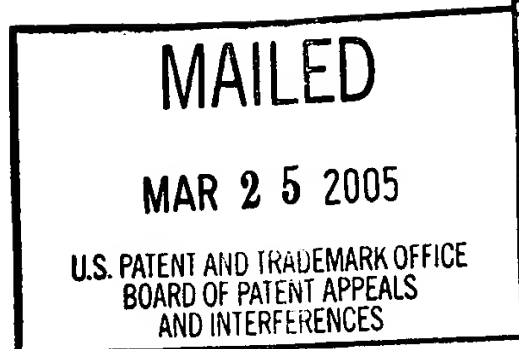


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte ALAN R. REINBERG

Application No. 09/189,098

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 8, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed November 9, 1998. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner properly considered the IDS submitted nor notified appellants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The IDS has not been signed and dated.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for

1) proper consideration of the November 9, 1998 IDS, 2) written notification to appellant regarding the result of the examiner's consideration, and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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